

FACE THE STATE 2011—4th Quarter

10/2 KBZK Host: Jeff Kelly
Guest: Gianna Savoie

MSU film instructor and film maker Gianna Savoie talked about a film about wolverines which she wrote, shot and produced for the Public Television program "Nature." Clips from the program called, "Wolverines-chasing the phantom" were shown, and Savoie talked about the difficulty shooting the video during the dead of winter in high elevations in Glacier National Park and in Alaska. She talked about two wolverine pups adopted by a researcher in Alaska. She talked about the secretive habits and the tough character of wolverines and how they are threatened by habitat loss in the lower 48 states.

10/9 KTVQ Host: Jay Kohn
Guest: James Burkhard – Managing Director – Global Oil Group

Today's program focused on the future of the Bakken Oil play in the Williston Basin, and how this technology driven play is reshaping the economies of North Dakota and eastern Montana.

James Burkhard is an expert in assessing and projecting the global & regional energy market & industry dynamics. He was in Billings to speak to the Montana Petroleum Association convention.

We covered a myriad of issues in this program – including the potential of the Bakken play on the world's crude oil market, the importance of horizontal drilling technology on the world oil scene, and how Montana can become a bigger player in the regional energy picture.

We also discussed some of the environmental concerns with the technology of "fracking" – and the impact of the USGS conducting a new assessment of the amount of recoverable oil and gas in the Bakken formation.

10/16 KRTV Host: Heath Heggem
Guest: Chris Christiaens from Montana Farmers Union

We discussed the 2012 Farm Bill, what MFU would like to see included and how the debt commission decisions could impact the bill. We also discussed some new, innovative programs MFU is employing.

10/23 KPAX Host: Angela Marshal

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and all this month, Montana's News Station has been airing a series of reports, focusing on awareness, prevention, education and treatment resources for ALL types of cancers. Today, in a special edition of Face the State, we share with you these stories, including Jill Valley's own battle with breast cancer, as well as important information from medical professionals for preventing and treating cancer.

10/30 KBZK Host: Mike Heard
 Guest: Jason Matsinger

Host, avid hunter and Chief Meteorologist Mike Heard talks with Bozeman resident and cable-TV hunting show host, Jason Matsinger. Jason showed video clips from the show featuring his hunting exploits in the Bridger Mountains near Bozeman, the Gallatin Range east of Bozeman and in Alaska. Matsinger talked about the high quality wilderness areas that can be found within minutes of Bozeman and other Montana cities and the diversity of wildlife, including Moose and Mountain Lions who live within minutes of downtown Bozeman.

11/6 KTVQ Host: Jay Kohn
 Guests: Dr. Craig Wilson, MSU-Billings professor
 Dr. Cathy Grott, MSU-Billings adjunct professor

Topic: 2012 Election & MSU-Billings Poll

Today's program focused on the 2012 election – which culminates one year from today. Craig Wilson and Cathy Grott talked at length about the new MSU-Billings poll – released just this week.

The poll surveyed 400 Montanans about their opinions heading into this huge election year. Poll topics included Pres. Obama's job approval, Congress' job approval, health care, and several Montana races including U.S. Senate, House, & Governor.

We also discussed the impact of early voting with absentee ballots, and how that might affect campaign strategies and timing.

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11/20 KRTV Host: Heath Heggem
 Guests: Mike Flaherty, Employer Support of Guard and Reserve
 State Chair, Tim Robbins, Montana Job Service, and Major Tim
 Crowe, Montana National Guard.

Discussion centered on statewide efforts to help military members return to work as civilians, ways to cut unemployment among veterans, and programs designed specifically for getting service members back into the civilian workforce.

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12/18 KBZK

Host: Dennis Carlson and Beth Saboe

Guest: Dr. David Parker, Political Science Professor at Montana
State University

Dr. David Parker, Political Science Professor at Montana State University is writing a book about the U.S. Senate race in Montana between incumbent Jon Tester and Congressman Denny Rehberg. Parker has been given inside access to both campaigns, and while he has agreed to keep some information secret until after the November election, he shared many of his early insights into the race. He stressed the importance of this election, Politico has ranked it as the number one Senate race in the nation in 2012. Parker predicts record spending on this campaign for Montana, heavy involvement by outside PAC's, and says that small groups, such as Indian Reservations could have a big impact on the outcome.

12/25 Children's Programming

1/1 Children's Programming